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Filed: 9/14/2001

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LETTER TO EXAMINER

Dear Sir/Madam:

Examiner Sheikh telephoned on July 26, 2004 to inquire as to the status of the aboveidentified application. We confirmed that we filed an RCE on January 27, 2004. Examiner Sheikh checked and indicated that the RCE submission is in the PALM system but that the documents have not been scanned into the system to date. This is more than six months after submission. Accordingly, we are resubmitting a copy of the RCE filing and postcard receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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